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In re application of David ALEXANDER et al.

Serial No.: 10/657,145

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For: **INTERFACE DEVICE AND METHOD FOR INTERFACING
INSTRUMENTS TO MEDICAL PROCEDURE SIMULATION SYSTEMS**

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**REQUEST FOR CORRECTION OF
PRIORITY CLAIM UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.78**

Applicants hereby request a correction of the priority claim under 35 U.S.C. §§ 121, 119 for the benefit of prior filed U.S. applications.

Applicants submit the following in connection with their request to correct priority in this application:

1. This application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 121 to U.S. Patent Application No. 09/237,969, filed on January 27, 1999 and under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) to U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/072,672, filed January 28, 1998 and entitled "Endoscopic Procedure Simulation System and Method"; from U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/105,661, Filed October 26, 1998 and entitled "Endoscopic Surgical Simulation System and Method Including Pivotable Entry Site"; and U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/116,545, filed January 21,

1999 and entitled "Endovascular Procedure Simulation System and Method."

2. A preliminary amendment is filed herewith to amend the first paragraph of the specification to contain this reference. 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a)(5)(i).
3. This request has been filed within the later of four months from the actual filing date of the later-filed application (January 9, 2004) or sixteen months from the filing date of the prior-filed applications. 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a)(5)(ii).

Because this request for corrected priority claim has been filed within the time period provided in 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a)(5)(ii), Applicants believe no fees are due.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16, 1.17, and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-1283.

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TRANSMITTAL OF DOCUMENTS

Enclosed are the following documents for entry in the above-identified application:

- Request for Correction of Priority Claim under 37 C.F.R. § 1.78
- Petition for Extension of Time
- Preliminary Amendment
- Request For Corrected Filing Receipt (including copy of originally filed declaration and copy of filing receipt showing changes requested in red)
- Associate Power
- Revocation and New Power
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- Return receipt postcard
- Other:

The fee has been calculated as follows:

	NO. OF CLAIMS	NO. OF CLAIMS PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	FEE
Total Claims	22	- 22 =	0	x \$18.00	\$0.00
Independent Claims	3	- 3 =	0	x \$86.00	\$0.00
If multiple dependent claims are presented, add \$290.00					\$0.00
Total Amendment Fee					\$0.00
If small entity status is applicable, subtract 50% of Total Amendment Fee					\$0.00
Other fees: (specify) fee for corrected filing receipt					\$0.00
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A check for the total fee is attached.

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